

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner again rejected claims pursuant to nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,193,663, and 6,436,046. The previous terminal disclaimer was not accepted since the person signing was not of record. In order to expedite issuance of a patent based on the above captioned application, two Terminal Disclaimers are enclosed. These Terminal Disclaimers conform with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b) and are signed by Craig Summerfield, Reg. No. 37,947, the attorney of record. The assignee of the above referenced application and U.S. Patent Nos. 6,193,663 and 6,436,046 is Siemens Medical Solutions, USA, Inc. By filing the Terminal Disclaimers to expedite issuance, Applicants are not admitting that any of the claims of the above referenced application are obvious in light of the claims of either of these patents.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call Craig Summerfield at (312) 321-4726.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to deduct the required terminal disclaimer fee(s) under 37.C.F.R. 120(d) from Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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